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### **WSF environmental practices**

In celebration of Earth Day this Sunday, April 22, I would like to highlight some of the environmental practices at WSF. Since 2005, WSF has been part of the [Puget Sound Air Emissions Inventory](#) to track maritime emissions. This groundbreaking effort is supported by businesses, agencies and non-governmental organizations and has become an international model. As part of our participation, WSF is actively looking for ways to reduce fuel and air emissions. Some of our most successful strategies have been to slow our vessels down and to replace lube oil packs. Other environmental practices at WSF include:

- Successful implementation of a programmatic stormwater pollution prevention plan. This plan has reduced WSF's potential to pollute stormwater running into Puget Sound. Our program meets – and in some areas exceeds – state permit requirements.
- Active recycling program to reduce trash going into landfills. At our Seattle terminal, with the help of customers and vendors, we are now composting as well as recycling.
- Working with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the [Orca Network](#) to help protect Puget Sound's resident and visiting marine mammals. Captains aboard our vessels report whale sightings to the Orca Network.
- Participation in [The Whale Trail](#) – you can find posters at our terminals and aboard vessels.
- Exploring alternative fuel sources, such as [biodiesel](#) and [liquefied natural gas](#).

### **Colman dock customers: AWV construction outreach**

WSF teams were aboard Seattle routes this week distributing information about the Alaskan Way Viaduct (AWV) project construction. Starting this May, AWV construction will change the way drivers get to and from Colman dock in Seattle. WSF teams will be aboard vessels talking to customers again next week. Please read the [general](#) and [bike](#) handouts available on my weekly [homepage](#). To follow construction progress, visit the [AWV replacement program website](#).

### **Customers of San Juan Islands: April 28<sup>th</sup> Tour De Lopez**

Tour De Lopez, the biggest bicycle event in the San Juan Islands, is taking place Saturday, April 28. It is estimated that 950 riders will attend, arriving between Thursday and Saturday. WSF will make two unscheduled stops to support the anticipated crowds: 7:15 a.m. departing Anacortes (8:20 a.m. arrival at Lopez) and 8:30 a.m. departing Anacortes (9:15 am arrival at Lopez).

### **Meeting with City of Edmonds Mayor**

On Monday, I met with the City of Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling to discuss the Gateway Pacific Terminal

proposal which would increase train traffic on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) rail corridor through the City of Edmonds. This increase in rail traffic would have an adverse affect on the Edmonds ferry terminal and Edmond/Kingston route. The terminal is proposed at Cherry Point near Bellingham and would handle import and export of bulk commodities, primarily exporting coal and will be going through the environmental review process.

#### **Central waterfront citizens' committee meeting**

On Thursday afternoon, I attended the central waterfront citizens committee meeting. WSF is actively participating in the Seattle waterfront planning process to ensure issues relating to the necessary access to Colman dock are properly addressed.

#### **Meeting with Quebec Minister of Transport**

Last Friday, I met with the Quebec Minister of Transport Pierre Moreau at Colman dock in Seattle (view [photos](#)). Minister Moreau wanted to learn more about WSF to draw connections to ferry service in Quebec, particularly the similarities between Puget Sound and Montreal. Furthermore, Quebec is in the process of building two new ferries that will be fueled by liquefied natural gas.

#### **Customer compliment**

I received the following compliment from a customer of the Anacortes ferry terminal. I want to thank WSF Terminal Agent Jeani High for her extraordinary customer service. Jeani is one of our WSF gems and you may remember that she was featured last year on our [blog](#), so please say hello to Jeani next time you're in Anacortes!

*I want to commend Jeani High for exceptional "grace under fire." The Friday Harbor transfer span was out of service on the first day of a holiday weekend, traffic was backed up and tempers were short. The line for foot passenger tickets went all the way out the terminal door. Jeani was extraordinarily helpful to me personally, quickly resolving a problem with the refund for my missed auto trip... I was very impressed at the way she maintained her professional demeanor ... Kudos to Jeani!*

#### **More ferry tales**

Read the latest posts: [Hooves on the deck](#) and "[Look. They're edging closer.](#)"

#### **Next Week:**

- [Mukilteo project](#) meeting
- Alaskan Way Viaduct coordination meeting
- [Vehicle reservations system](#) partnership meeting in Port Townsend

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